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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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	)	Group Art Unit: 1765
Application No.: 10/799,590	)	
	)	Examiner: Binh X. Tran
Filed: March 15, 2004	)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS	)	
FOR SURFACE TREATMENT	)	

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is a full and complete response to the non-final Office Action dated October 20, 2005, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. A response was due by January 20, 2006. A two-month extension of time is requested. The requisite fee of \$450.00 is submitted herewith extending the time for response to March 20, 2006.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.